



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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MEMORANDUM FOR 15th Regimental Signal Brigade, Fort Gordon, GA 30905

SUBJECT: Policy Letter 24, Army Substance Abuse Program

REFERENCES:

- A. AR 635-200, Active Duty Enlisted Administrative Separations, 15 July 2004
- B. AR 600-85, Army Substance Abuse Program, 1 October 2001
- C. Fort Gordon ASAP Commander's Guide and UPL SOP, Jan 2003 and 15th Signal Brigade

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to establish the policy on drugs and alcohol for the 15th Regimental Signal Brigade. All units will follow the guidelines of AR 600-85 Army Substance Abuse Program (ASAP), Fort Gordon Commander's Guide and Unit Prevention Leader (UPL) SOP.
2. The legal drinking age in Georgia and on Fort Gordon is twenty-one. The blood alcohol content level for the U.S. Army is .05 percent. Soldiers who receive alcohol offenses are subject to be processed for separation IAW AR 635-200. Phase V+ IET soldiers (age 21 years and older) may consume alcohol beverages in authorized areas and NOT in the presence of Phase IV and V IET Soldiers. The only place Phase V+, (age 21 years and older) may consume alcohol beverages is at the Fort Gordon Bowling Alley. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in the barracks or within the Brigade's area of operations.
3. Illegal drug use is prohibited. Suspicious personnel are subject to be tested IAW AR 600-85 section 8-3b. A positive test for the use of any illegal drug indicates a problem that needs to be corrected. Soldiers may be processed for separation IAW AR 635-200 Chapter 14.
4. All units within the 15th Regimental Signal Brigade will test 20% of their personnel monthly and conduct at least one 100% annually. Soldiers will not be exempt from the testing pool due to Leave, TDY, Hospital or AWOL. Selected personnel who are on Leave, TDY, Hospitalized or AWOL will be tested immediately upon their return to duty. Soldiers that are selected and present for duty during a scheduled urinalysis will provide a specimen. Inactive Ready Reserve

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Soldiers will be tested upon arrival and added to the testing pool after the initial test has been conducted.

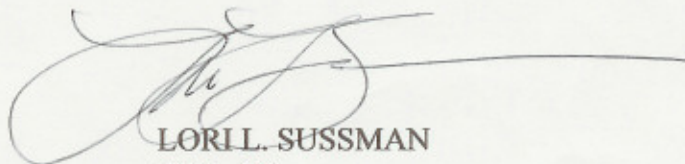
5. Appointed UPLs and observers must be an E-5 or above and not currently enrolled in ASAP. UPLs will conduct all tests and perform their duties IAW AR 600-85 and the Fort Gordon UPL SOP.

6. Observers will have visibility of the specimen bottle until the provider returns the bottle to the UPL. Observers must ensure specimen providers remove their trousers to their ankles, observe the urine leaving the body and entering the bottle.

7. The unit Commander and the UPL will brief providers upon entering the holding area. The Command will appoint holding area NCOs or officers for each door to ensure all providers remain in the holding area until specimen is provided. The holding area NCO or officer will not allow personnel to exit the area unless they have command approval. Personnel will be escorted to ensure that no outside fluids and containers are admitted to the holding area. This includes coffee cups, soda cans, water bottles and canteens. Fluids will be provided by the Command.

8. All soldiers must receive a minimum of one hour per quarter of drug and alcohol awareness training per year. Units that have civilian personnel are required to provide three hours of drugs and alcohol awareness training yearly IAW AR 600-85 section 2-6.

9. POC for this memorandum is SSG Maree at 791-2711/3990.



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